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SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Safety Management System has since been implemented at various airports to mitigate the risk of accidents;

(b) if so,the details in this regard; and

(c) if not,the reasons for the delay in implementation of the system?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to part (a),(b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question () No.144 for 26.02.2009 regarding "Safety Management System at Airports".

(a): Establishment of Safety Management System (SMS) at airports is a requirement of the licensing process and accordingly the implementation of SMS has been initiated at various airports.Civil Aviation Requirement Section 4 Series B,Part I dated 31st July 2006 issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) stipulates that as part of safety management programme,the operator of a licenced aerodrome shall implement an SMS,which is acceptable to DGCA.The minimum requirements include identification of safety hazards,ensuring implementation of remedial actions necessary to maintain an acceptable level of safety providing continuous monitoring and regular assessment of the safety level achieved,and aiming to make continuous improvement in the overall level of safety.

(b): The implementation of SMS has been initiated at New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin airports.

(c) The SMS at an airport can be implemented only in a phased manner.Normally it takes about two years time to fully implement SMS at an aerodrome as various issues are required to be addressed during the implementation process.